

FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADE

Masterpiece by Elise Broach; illus. by Kelly Murphy. Holt, 2008.
Sometimes a beetle living in your house will change your life forever.

Sisters Grimm: The Fairy Tale Detectives by Michael Buckley; illus. by Peter Ferguson. Amulet Books, 2005.
It doesn't take Sebrina and Daphne long to realize the town of Ferryport Landing has some very unusual and magical residents.

Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins. Scholastic Press, 2003.
When Gregor falls into a hole in his basement laundry room, he finds himself fulfilling a prophecy in an underground city.

Crunch by Leslie Conner. Katherine Tegen Books, 2010.
When the country suddenly runs out of gasoline, Dewey and his siblings must run their family's busy bicycle business, without their parents!

City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau. Random House, 2003.
A mysterious message may lead Lina and Doon out of the decaying City of Ember.

Ranger's Apprentice: The Ruins of Gorlan by John Flanagan. Philomel Books, 2005.
A dangerous lord is out for revenge, and newly apprenticed ranger Will must use his newfound skills to help protect the kingdom.

A Tale Dark and Grimm by Adam Gidwitz. Dutton, 2010.
You think you know Hansel and Gretel? Think again...

Guys Read: Funny Business. Edited by Jon Scieszka; illus. by Adam Rex. Harper Collins, 2010.
Ten stories of guy humor guaranteed to crack up any gender.

Island of the Aunts by Eva Ibbotson. Dutton, 2000.
How do three sweet old ladies recruit help caring for their magical island? They kidnap some children.

Swindle by Gordon Korman. Scholastic Press, 2007.
Swindled into selling a priceless baseball card for a fraction of its worth, Griffin's got a plan for taking it back!

Fairest by Gail Carson Levine. Harper Collins, 2006.
It takes two qualities to be the fairest in this kingdom--beauty and a great singing voice. The new queen only has one, Aza has the other.

Candymakers by Wendy Mass. Little Brown, 2010.

Four 12- year olds find themselves in a competition at the candy factory that's not so sweet.

The Agony of Alice by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor. Atheneum, 1985.

Alice McKinley hopes that she is prepared for sixth grade. She soon finds out that she is most definitely not!

Fablehaven by Brandon Mull; illus. by Brandon Dorman. Shadow Mountain, 2006

Fablehaven, a secret preserve for magical beings, is meant to be a place where creatures live in peace. It's not.

Ninth Ward by Jewell Parker Rhodes. Little Brown, 2010.

As Hurricane Katrina bears down on her beloved New Orleans home, Lanesha struggles to prepare and survive.

Selznick, Brian. *The Invention of Hugo Cabret: A Novel in Words and Pictures*. Scholastic Press, 2007.

Amazing illustrations help tell the story of orphan Hugo and his secret mechanical man.

The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart; illus. by Carson Ellis. Little Brown, 2007.

Many will be tested, only four will be chosen.

A Crooked Kind of Perfect by Linda Urban. Harcourt, 2007.

The Perfectone D-60 electric organ crushed Zoe's dreams of Carnegie Hall and changed her life forever.

GRAPHIC

Knights of the Lunch Table: The Dodgeball Chronicles by Frank Cammuso. Graphix, 2008.

Arthur King probably shouldn't have lied about his dodgeball skills.

Amulet: The Stonekeeper by Kazu Kibuishi. Graphix 2008

After their mother is kidnapped by a tentacled monster, Emily and Navin find help from strange creatures and a magical amulet.

Smile by Raina Telgemeier. Graphix, 2010.

Raina tells the horrifyingly funny story of her journey through years of orthodontics.

NON-FICTION

We Are the Ship: The Story of the Negro Baseball League by Kadir Nelson. Hyperion, 2008.

The incredible story of the victories and setbacks of these great heroes in baseball history.

Top Secret: A Handbook of Codes, Ciphers, and Secret Writing by Paul B. Janeczko; illus. by Jenna LaReau. Candlewick Press, 2004.

Learn how to decipher, create, and solve secret messages and ciphers!

Knucklehead: Tall Tales and Mostly True Stories of Growing Up Scieszka by Jon Scieszka. Viking, 2008.

Before becoming an outrageous writer, Jon Scieszka was an outrageous boy. This is his unbelievable story.

Cars on Mars: Roving the Red Planet by Alexandra Siy. Charlesbridge, 2009.

True story: In 2004, we sent two robots to Mars to explore for 90 days. Five years later, they were still going.